**Amendment in Prevention of Food Adulteration Act**

1528. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act as per international norms;

(b) whether any set up is available to check the packaged food coming to the country through ports and airports if they meet the Indian standard;

(c) the additives and colours which are not permitted in foodstuff in the country; and

(d) the number of cases that has come to the notice of Government against such adulteration in the last calender year and ban order issued against such manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has initiated action to review the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 for considering the necessary amendments to the Act, keeping in view the representations suggestions received in this regard from various organizations and committees.

(b) Powers are vested with Custom authorities under Section 6 of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 to detain any imported package, which they suspect to contain any article of food the import of which is prohibited under Section 5 of the said Act. The Custom authorities are generally being assisted by the Port/ Airport Health authorities for the purpose.

(c) The additives and colours permitted for use in foodstuffs in the country are specified under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955. Additives and colours other than that are not permitted in foodstuff.

(d) The Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 is enforced by various State/Union Territory Governments. The specific information

asked for in respect of the last calendar year is not yet available with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

**Cases of serious backbone fracture**

†1529. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of serious backbone fracture in the country during the last three years;

(b) the locations in the country where appropriate arrangement for the treatment of the same has been made by Government;

(c) whether the arrangements made are not adequate; and

(d) if so, the details of action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Backbone fracture is an orthopaedic problem and Government do not maintain data regarding incidence of such cases in the country.

(b) The treatment for fracture of backbone is readily available in almost all Government hospitals having Orthopaedic Departments.

(c) Government have not received any complaints of shortage of such facilities and therefore the existing arrangements appear to be adequate.

(d) Does not arise.

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